

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JOSEPHINE POTUTO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA,

Defendant.

**4:20CV3003**

**AMENDED FINAL  
PROGRESSION ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion to Extend Progression Order Deadlines. ([Filing No. 38](#).) The motion is granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the provisions of the Court's previous Final Progression Orders remain in effect, and in addition to those provisions, progression shall be amended as follows:

- 1) The trial and pretrial conference will not be set at this time. The status conference presently scheduled for January 11, 2021 is canceled. A telephonic status conference to discuss **case progression, the parties' interest in settlement, and the trial and pretrial conference settings** will be held with the undersigned magistrate judge on **July 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** Counsel shall use the conferencing instructions assigned to this case to participate in the conference. ([Filing No. 39](#).)
- 2) The deadline for completing written discovery under Rules 33, 34, 36 and 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is **July 30, 2021**. Motions to compel written discovery under Rules 33, 34, 36 and 45 must be filed by **August 12, 2021**.

**Note:** A motion to compel, to quash, or for a disputed protective order shall not be filed without first contacting the chambers of the undersigned magistrate judge to set a conference for discussing the parties' dispute.

- 3) The deadlines for identifying expert witnesses expected to testify at the trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)), are:

For the plaintiff(s):

**April 15, 2021**

For the defendant(s):

**April 15, 2021**

- 4) The deadlines for complete expert disclosures<sup>1</sup> for all experts expected to testify at trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)), are:

For the plaintiff(s):	<b>May 15, 2021</b>
For the defendant(s):	<b>May 15, 2021</b>
Rebuttal:	<b>June 18, 2021</b>

- 5) The deposition deadline, including but not limited to depositions for oral testimony only under Rule 45, is **August 20, 2021**.

- a. The maximum number of depositions that may be taken by the plaintiffs as a group and the defendants as a group:

Plaintiff seeks to take 20 depositions and ask 50 interrogatories. Defendant does not agree that those numbers will be necessary given the applicable statute of limitations, and the issues involved in this case. If the parties cannot resolve this issue as the case progresses, they shall contact the court for a telephone conference to resolve the issue.

- b. Depositions will be limited by Rule 30(d)(1).

- 6) The deadline for filing motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment is **August 23, 2021**.
- 7) The deadline for filing motions to exclude testimony on *Daubert* and related grounds is **June 29, 2021**.
- 8) The parties shall comply with all other stipulations and agreements recited in their Rule 26(f) planning report that are not inconsistent with this order.
- 9) All requests for changes of deadlines or settings established herein shall be directed to the undersigned magistrate judge. Such requests will not be considered absent a showing of due diligence in the timely progression of this case and the recent development of circumstances, unanticipated prior to the filing of the motion, which require that additional time be allowed.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis  
United States Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup> While treating medical and mental health care providers are generally not considered “specially retained experts,” not all their opinions relate to the care and treatment of a patient. Their opinion testimony is limited to what is stated within their treatment documentation. As to each such expert, any opinions which are not stated within that expert’s treatment records and reports must be separately and timely disclosed.